

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA

Summary of News from our California News per the "Star of the West."

CALIFORNIA, June 1st.

The past fortnight has been characterized by no very important events. The weather throughout the State has maintained that evenness and serenity which has been the rule of California, far in advance of her sister States in that respect. Accounts from the interior give glowing descriptions of the beauty of the country and the general prosperity of the various branches of industry. The case of the mutiny seemed to have been closed by the arrival of the steamer *John Land*, which was brought before the United States District Court on the 15th inst. The crew, who were indicted for mutiny, were discharged on the ground that the *John Land* had not been under the command of his ship, the contract between him and the crew ceased. The claim of the master and crew of the *D. M. Hall* is yet under adjudication, and will probably not be decided until the summer. John Land was released immediately on his arrival from Tahiti. She entered this port on the 13th instant.

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Communication between Monterey and San Luis Potosi was prohibited.

All the troops which could be spared were ordered to New Leon to attempt the capture of Monterrey. Wall will defeat Matamoros on the last. His force consists of only about 600 men.

The Crops.—Not Much Like Famine.

The receipts of local stuff at the upper Lake ports are tremendous, and, in the face of the immense receipts of corn and the export demand but a nominal, with a limited distilling business, the present price of this description of grain cannot be maintained.

At Buffalo and Oswego the receipts reported on Monday reached 7,824 barrels of flour, 32,597 bushels of wheat, 180,027 bushels of corn, and 129,375 bushels of oats.—*Buffalo paper.*

Romance in Real Life.

The *Manchester* (N. H.) *Mirror* publishes the following story:

In the fall of 1847 a young man came to this city from a northern county in quest of employment in the mill. After weeks of unsuccessful effort, he became reduced to the pitiable alternative of disposing of his last shilling, or to obtain means to liquidate his bills and seek employment elsewhere.

While consulting about his situation, he returned to his boarding-house to pick up the same, when the lady of the house handed him a letter, directed to him in a female hand, which she informed him had been left by a boy; which, on being opened, was found to contain \$20 in bank bills, with a note in the hand for the sum of \$20, accompanied with the following explanation:

"Mr.—Knowing your pressing wants, and having the means at my disposal, I send you \$20, with which you will please immediately settle your board bill, and call at the card-room, in—"

The note was drawn payable to bearer. The card-room was a small room, where the only faithful prototype of those distinguished statesmen, and modest and amiable in disposition, like all true gentlemen, he undervalued his own talents, and he was not aware of the fact that he was the object of ordinary admiration.

Towards the latter portion of his life, he painted in pastels, more to keep pace with the times than in return for the patronage he had received. He was not averse to the necessity of quitting the arts, and for the last five months he has been struggling against a disease which finally brought him to his grave.

He died without leaving an enemy in the world.

STRAYED OR STOLEN from the Fidelity S. val, at Blundersburg, on the night of Tuesday the 10th inst. A black and white horse, about four years old, with a white star in the forehead, and marked on the back with saddle pinches; the said mare had a saddle on.

Whoever will return said mare, or furnish information which will enable us to receive many thanks, and Five Dollars as a reward.

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THE ENGLISH OPIMANS, or a Home in the New World. By Miss Mary J. Holme in "Tempest and Sunshine, or Life in Kentucky." For sale by J. F. FARNHAM, June 28. "Cor. Penn. av. and 11th st.

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